







# The Father's Business



## Luk 2:41 - 52 (21st Century King James Version)

**41** Now His parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover.

**42** And when He was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem according to the custom of the Feast.

**43** And when they had fulfilled the days, as they returned, the child Jesus tarried behind in Jerusalem; and Joseph and His mother knew not of it.





**44** But they, supposing Him to have been in the company, went a day's journey; and they sought Him among their kinsfolk and acquaintances.

**45** And when they found Him not, they turned back again to Jerusalem, seeking Him

**46** And it came to pass that after three days they found Him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them and asking them questions..



47 And all who heard Him were astonished at His understanding and answers.

48 And when they saw Him they were amazed, and His mother said unto Him, “Son, why hast Thou thus dealt with us? Behold, Thy father and I have sought Thee sorrowing.”

49 And He said unto them, “How is it that ye sought Me? Knew ye not that I **must** be about **My Father’s business?**”





Jesus 1<sup>st</sup> words

Luke 2:49 - "I must be about my father's business"

Last words before he died on the cross

Luke 23:46 - "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit"

Last words before he ascended

John 20:17 - "I am ascending to my Father and to your Father"



the law was given to Israel through Moses

grace and truth came through Jesus Christ

Abba is the intimate word of a family circle  
where that obedient reverence was at the  
heart of the relationship

Do we have access to this heavenly Abba?





Malachi 2:10 - Do we not all have one Father? Did not one God create us?

Isaiah 59:2a - But your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God

Old Testament – Israel had access through priests

Priests right/ privilege/ responsibility to go directly to God. They could pray and talk to God, worship, and fellowship with God. Representing God to the people





John 14:6 - Jesus said to him, I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

Galatians 3:26-28 - for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

Ephesians 1:5 He predestined us to be adopted through Jesus Christ for Himself, according to His favor and will



Jesus showed us a Father, not a Judge

Adoption through the Roman law vs Jesus

Mat 3:16-17 - And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; and behold, a voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."





How does God feel about me?

3 A's of sonship

Affection – This is my beloved

Acceptance – This is my beloved son

Approval – This is my beloved son in whom  
I'm well pleased